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Total claims	23	Minus	** = 23	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
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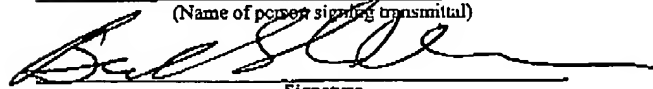
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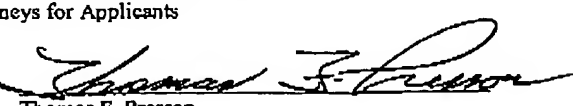
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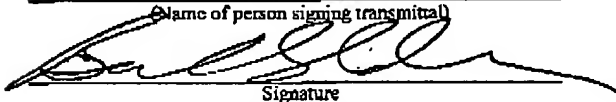
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 7, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on June 7, 2006, please consider the following remarks.

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